Delay in implementation of Railway Development Plan

1271. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many development plans of the Railways have been held up due to resource crunch;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have drawn up plan involving State Government and Municipalities and other sources to meet this situation; and

(c) if so, the details of the Plan and by when it is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Railways are facing resource crunch but it is not correct to say that development plans of the railways have been held up due to it. Progress on some on-gains projects like new lines has been slow.

(b) and (c) No specific plans exist for involving the State Government or Municipalities in developmental activity of the Railways. However, Railways are encouraging the participation of the State Government on case to case basis. A few examples are :

(i) Involving CIDCO of Maharashtra State Government to undertake certain projects on cost sharing basis;

(ii) Help is being taken from State Government for new line projects in the form of free transfer of Government land and giving relief in local taxes and levies on construction material;

(iii) Construction of Konkan Railway line by involving equity participation of the concerned State Governments.

रेल दुर्घटनायें

1272. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले छः महीनों में देश के विभिन्न भागों में हुई रेल दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या कितनी है और उनके क्या कारण थे ; और

(ख) उक्त दुर्घटनाओं में कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई और कितने व्यक्ति घायल हुए और रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा उन्हें मुआवजे के रूप में कितनी धनराशि दी गई ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ़) : (क) जून से नवम्बर, 94 तक 262 परिणामी गाड़ी दुर्घटनायें हुईं : ये दुर्घटनायें मुख्यतः रेल कर्मचारियों की गलती, उपस्करों की खराबी, सड़क वाहन उपयोगकर्ताओं की लापरवाही तोड़-फोड़ आदि के कारण हुई।

(ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं में 100 व्यक्तियों की जानें गईं तथा 313 को चोटें आयी दुर्घटनाओं के शिकार व्यक्तियों को उनके द्वारा दावे दायर करने तथा रेल दावा अधिकरण द्वारा उनकी डिक्री किए जाने के बाद मुआवजे का भुगतान किया जाएगा, जबकि इन दुर्घटनाओं के शिकार व्यक्तियों को अनुग्रह राशि के रुप में 5.34 लाख रुपए का भुगतान किया गया है।

Electrification of Railway Tracks

1273. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what length of railway track has been electrified so far in the country;

(b) whether some railway track has been electrified in Punjab and Haryana too with details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therfor; and

(d) by when the rail track in these States will be electrified and track proposed for electrification?